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THAT it be, and hereby is recommended to the several states, to vest the United States in Congress assembled, with the sole and exclusive right and power of establishing and regulating post-offices throughout the United States, and raising a revenue by exacting postage on the letters and papers passing through the same. Provided that the postage shall not exceed the following rates in penny weights and grains of silver, estimating each penny weight at to wit: For any distance not exceeding sixty miles, one penny weight eight grains; upwards of sixty and not exceeding one hundred, two penny weight; upwards of one hundred and not exceeding two hundred, two penny weight sixteen grains, and so on, sixteen grains advances for every hundred miles. And for all single letters to and from Europe or any foreign country, by packet or dispatch vessels, four penny weight: the above rates to be doubled for double letters, trebled for treble letters, and a packet weighing an ounce, to be charged equal to four single letters, and in that proportion if of a greater weight: and to the foregoing rates of inland postage an additional sum not exceeding upon every letter, packet, or dispatch, which shall come into the post-office from beyond sea, by any other conveyance than packets or dispatch vessels, and which are to be forwarded: but for all such as are not to be forwarded, whether inland or ship letters, a sum not exceeding

Provided also, that the nett proceeds of the revenue be applied in the first instance to the extinguishment of the post-office debt, and the establishment of such cross posts

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throughout and within the several states, and in the western country or new states, as the United States in Congress assembled may judge power.

Provided also, that the residue of the revenue be for ever appropriated for the maintenance of public packets or dispatch vessels, and the support of vessels of war, for the protection of trade, provided nevertheless, that no part of the said residue be applied without the consent of nine states in Congress assembled.